

First patriotic education base for HK, Macao youth opens in Beijing

The first Patriotic Education Base for young Hong Kong and Macao people was inaugurated in Beijing yesterday, marking a milestone in fostering patriotism in the regions and answering the call for more nationwide efforts to deepen a sense of national identity among youngsters from the two cities.

On the 80th anniversary of Victory over Japan Day and the end of World War II, the base has been set up at the Museum of the War of Chinese People's Resistance Against Japanese Aggression near Lugou Bridge*. Located near Beijing, the bridge was the site of a battle on July 7, 1937 that marked the beginning of the nationwide resistance against Japanese aggression.

During the unveiling ceremony, Xu Qifang, executive deputy director of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council, said that establishing the base will help deepen patriotic education among young people in Hong Kong and Macao.

Xu said he hopes that the base can pioneer innovative approaches to patriotic education for the regions' youth, and provide valuable insights into how such bases can best be



Witnessed by Executive Deputy Director of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council Xu Qifang (centre), Hong Kong Chief Secretary for Administration Eric Chan Kwok-ki (front, centre left) and Macao Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture Wallis O Lam (front, centre right) unveil the inaugural plaque of the Patriotic Education Base for young Hong Kong and Macao people in Beijing yesterday.

— Photo: GCS

constructed in future. He also highlighted the enduring tradition of patriotism among the people of Hong Kong and Macao, adding that patriotism is a cornerstone for

the sustained success of the "One Country, Two Systems" principle.

Chief Secretary for Administration of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

government Eric Chan Kwok-ki, who also delivered a speech at the ceremony, said the establishment of the educational base marks a significant step forward in patriotic

education in Hong Kong. This platform will allow young people from Hong Kong and Macao to deepen their understanding of the nation's history and to have a clearer sense of the mission they must carry forward in developing the motherland.

Chan said he supports the selection of the location for the education base and views the history of the War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression as the most compelling material for patriotic education.

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Residents take part in a mass parade during a grand gathering to celebrate Xizang Autonomous Region's 60th founding anniversary in Lhasa, Xizang Autonomous Region, yesterday. (Story and more photos on p.7)

— Xinhua

Netanyahu orders start of immediate negotiations to release 'all our hostages'

JERUSALEM – Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu yesterday said he had ordered the beginning of immediate negotiations to release the remaining Israeli hostages in Gaza.

The announcement came a day after the defence ministry approved a plan authorising the call-up of roughly 60,000 reservists to help capture Hamas's last major strongholds in Gaza City.

"I have come to approve the IDF's [Israel Defence Forces] plans to take control of Gaza City and defeat Hamas," the prime minister said in a video statement during a visit with the Gaza division.

"At the same time, I have instructed to immediately begin negotiations for the release of all our hostages and the end of the war under conditions acceptable to Israel."

Meditators have been waiting for days for an official Israeli response to their latest ceasefire proposal, after Hamas accepted the plan earlier this week.

"I greatly appreciate the commitment of the reserve soldiers, and of course the regular army, for this vital mission," said Netanyahu.

"These two matters – defeating Hamas and releasing all our hostages – go hand in hand." (More about Gaza conflict on p.10) — AFP



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Wang Yi says 21st century should be era of accelerated development, revitalization for Asia, especially S Asia

Foreign Minister Wang Yi yesterday said the 21st century should be an era of accelerated development and revitalization for Asia, especially South Asia.

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Ukrainian suspect arrested in Italy over Nord Stream blasts

A Ukrainian suspect has been arrested in Italy over the sabotage of the Nord Stream underwater gas pipelines from Russia to Europe in 2022, German prosecutors said yesterday.

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Brazil's lower house passes law expanding social media protections for minors

Brazil's lower house approved legislation on Wednesday expanding requirements for digital platforms to protect minors, after a prominent social media influencer allegedly sexually exploited a child.

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Only 14.8 pct of elderly willing to live in seniors' rental housing: survey



Senior citizens play chess yesterday in the activity centre of S. Domingos Market in the city centre. – Photo: Armindo Neves

Armindo Neves

The Macau Social Security Society (ADSSDM) hosted a press conference yesterday to announce that its latest survey report shows that a mere 14.8 percent of elderly people are willing to live in the government's seniors' rental housing estate.

The survey targeted 1,081 Macau residents aged 45 and above, aiming to gain a deeper understanding of elderly care issues and pointing out that the current elderly care system is facing four major challenges: economic, housing, services, and cross-border elderly care.

The findings of the survey indicate that Macau's elderly face challenges in retirement due to the dual pressure from financial constraints and living conditions. About 40 percent of seniors primarily rely on government subsidies, old-age allowances, or pensions for their livelihood.

The findings point that only 19.2 percent of the respondents consider these financial sources sufficient to cover basic expenses. This financial limitation directly contributes to seniors' difficulty in affording the city's high rental housing costs, with merely 14.8 percent willing to move into units designated for the elderly, while 56 percent live in homes that lack age-friendly modifications.

Macau's elderly care services are severely misaligned with the actual needs of seniors, according

to the findings. A significant portion, i.e., 41 percent of the elderly population, has never utilised any elderly care services, primarily due to concerns regarding the perceived reasonableness of the services provided, apart from service quality and coverage. The low service penetration rate has directly hindered the development of Macau's "silver-haired industry", leading 46.5 percent of the respondents to express reluctance to spend on the sector.

According to the findings, the survey concluded that there exists a critical need for a multi-faceted approach to address Macau's elderly care challenges. It proposed strengthening financial security through innovative instruments like annuities, optimising housing conditions via tiered-pricing units and enhanced subsidies for age-friendly retrofitting of old buildings, and expanding community healthcare services through telemedicine and improved support service coverage.

It also advocated for nurturing the silver-haired industry via policy incentives and dedicated development funds, while promoting cross-border collaboration within the Greater Bay Area (GBA) to integrate regional resources and expertise. These measures collectively aim to bridge the gap between service supply and demand while fostering a sustainable ecosystem for elderly well-being. ■

Macau researchers join Brazil's largest-ever eco-research initiative

Khalel Vallo

Researchers from the University of Saint Joseph (USJ) and the Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST) have joined Brazil's largest-ever environmental research initiative, marking a milestone in Macau's growing role in global scientific collaboration, according to recent statements from both private universities.

The project, titled "CEMAR" (the National Institute for the Identification, Quantification, Dispersion and Mitigation of Environmental Risks and Pollution by Emerging Contaminants in Marine and Coastal Environments), has been officially approved under Brazil's INCT 2024 call, the largest programme of its kind ever launched in the country, according to the USJ statement.

INCT is the acronym for Brazil's National Institutes of Science Technology and Innovation.

The MUST statement added that CEMAR is one of 143 projects selected under the initiative, which received a record 1.63 billion reais (about 2.66 billion patacas) in funding, supported by Brazil's National Fund for Scientific and Technological Development (FNDCT) and state research foundations, to which the programme aims to foster interdisciplinary networks to address pressing environmental and scientific challenges.

The project is coordinated by Prof. Denis Abessa of Brazil's São



This undated handout photo shows Assistant Prof. Marta Filipa Simões conducting research at the experimental platforms from SKLPlanets at MUST. – Photo: MUST

Paulo State University, alongside researchers from multiple institutions including Cristiane Ottoni, Leandro Castro, Milene Fornari, and Yoannis Rodríguez from São Paulo State University, Almir Neto from the Institute for Energy and Nuclear Research (IPEN), also in São Paulo, Rafael Perna from the Federal University of Alfenas, António Brito from the University of Lisbon, and Sara Silvério from the University of Minho, all from Portugal, both statements highlighted.

From Macau, the team includes Prof. André Antunes, acting dean of the Institute of Science and Environment at USJ, and Assistant Professor Marta Filipa Simões from the State Key Laboratory of Lunar and Planetary Sciences

(SKLPlanets) at MUST. The MUST statement quoted Assistant Prof. Filipa Simões as underlining the global impact of the initiative: "By linking marine pollution research with astrobiological* and planetary health perspectives, we are opening new frontiers for science and sustainability, while supporting global efforts toward the UN Sustainable Development Goals."

* Astrobiology is the scientific field that studies the origin, evolution, distribution, and future of life in the universe. It combines knowledge from biology, chemistry, geology, planetary science, and astronomy to answer fundamental questions: Is there life beyond Earth? If so, how can we find it? And what is life's ultimate fate in the cosmos? – DeepSeek

Tropical cyclone set to form in S China Sea after weekend

Tony Wong

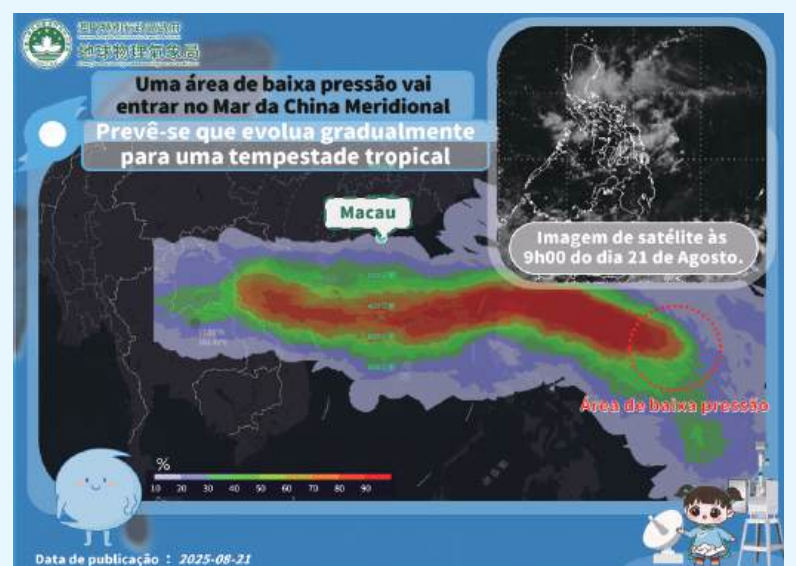
A statement from the Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau (SMG), said that a low-pressure area, currently located in the waters east of the Philippines, is forecast to enter the South China Sea over the weekend, when it is expected to gradually develop into a tropical cyclone, which is predicted to move towards the vicinity of Hainan Island early next week.

Depending on its strength, Macau's observatory classifies a tropical cyclone into tropical depression, tropical storm, severe tropical storm, typhoon, severe typhoon, and super typhoon.

However, the statement said, different forecasting models have come up with "very different" forecasts for the possible tropical cyclone in terms of its movement speeds and the increases in its strengths.

According to the statement the different traditional forecasting models, namely numerical weather prediction (NWP) models, forecast that the possible tropical cyclone will intensify and move at a relatively slow speed, while a newly developed artificial intelligence (AI) model forecasts a faster speed.

However, the statement said,



This infographic provided by the Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau (SMG) yesterday shows the low-pressure area (red circle) located in the waters east of the Philippines.

due to a relatively strong level of the subtropical high-pressure system early next week, all forecasting models predict that the possible tropical cyclone will adopt a more southerly trajectory, moving towards the area south of Hainan Island.

Consequently, the statement said, whether Macau will be affected by a typhoon will depend on the possible tropical cyclone's distance from Macau and changes

in its intensity while moving in the South China Sea.

The statement said that under the influence of an upper-level anticyclone and weak winds, Macau will be very hot over the weekend. As the possible tropical cyclone enters the South China Sea, the statement said, Macau is forecast to be affected by showers and thunderstorms more often early next week, while winds in Macau are expected to intensify. ■

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Int'l fireworks display contest to start Sept 6



Macau Government Tourism Office (MGTO) Director Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes speaks to reporters at Macau Tower yesterday morning. — Photo Armindo Neves

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Chan said that during the war, all Chinese people, including those from Hong Kong, fought for their homeland and justice, collectively defending the country's territories and national honor with their lives. Chan said he believes that revisiting this piece of history near Lugou Bridge will undoubtedly strengthen the determination of young people to play their part in the rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

Citing the establishment of the base as an example, Chan expressed his gratitude for the longstanding and robust support from the central government in promoting Hong Kong's patriotic education. He also expressed his hope for the future development of more patriotic educational resources nationwide, allowing Hong Kong and Macao youth to gain a more comprehensive understanding of the country's history and achievements through on-site research and exchanges.

Macao's Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture Wallis O Lam said that the museum, with its wealth of historical artifacts and detailed archival records, vividly brings history to life, serving as a dynamic classroom for patriotic education. O Lam pledged she would maximize the base's potential as a platform to engage more Macao residents, particularly the youth, and encouraged residents to visit the base and experience the spirit of resistance against aggression firsthand. By doing this, O Lam said, she hopes the tradition of loving the country and Macao can be passed down from generation to generation.

Numerous officials from the central authorities and the two special administrative regions were present at the ceremony, including Executive Vice-Mayor of Beijing Xia Linmao.

The Macao Government Information Bureau (GCS) said in a statement late last night that "the memorial hall is the only

comprehensive museum in the country that fully reflects the history of the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression, and it is also a national first-class museum and an outstanding demonstration base for patriotic education in the country," adding that the establishment of the first Patriotic Education Base for Youth from Hong Kong and Macao by the governments of Hong Kong and Macao "carries significant meaning".

According to the GCS statement, O Lam pointed out in her speech that, 80 years ago, despite being in a special environment, Macao contributed to the national war effort in various ways, always sharing the same breath and destiny with the motherland.

O Lam noted that in order to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Victory in the War of Resistance, the Macao Special Administrative Region government has set up a cross-departmental working group to coordinate a series of commemorative activities, delve into local war history materials, strengthen exchanges and cooperation with the mainland and Hong Kong, and guide Macao residents, especially young people, to gain a comprehensive and accurate understanding of the war history through large-scale exhibitions, academic seminars, special education, and retracing the routes of the war, thereby further stimulating the patriotic enthusiasm of young people.

— Courtesy of China Daily (additional reporting based on GCS statement)

*The term "Lugou Bridge" (盧溝橋 — "Reed Ditch Bridge") refers to a historically significant bridge located near Beijing. Its importance stems from two major aspects: its ancient architectural heritage and its role as the catalyst for the Second Sino-Japanese War. In the West it is also known as Marco Polo Bridge. — DeepSeek

Armindo Neves

The Macau Government Tourism Office (MGTO) hosted a press conference at Macau Tower yesterday about the upcoming "33rd Macao International Fireworks Display Contest", announcing that the contest will be held from September 6 to October 6.

The dates of the contest are September 6, 13, 20 and October 1 (National Day) and 6 (Mid-Autumn Festival).

According to an MGTO statement, 10 pyrotechnic companies from different countries will compete in the monthlong event, based on Macau's strategy of further strengthening its international status as a "City of Events".

The 10 firework companies, the statement said, represent Australia, Austria, Brazil, China, Japan, the Philippines, Portugal, South Africa, South Korea and the United Kingdom.

MGTO Director Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes said in a speech that all the 10 enterprises have extensive experience in both competitions and performances, having won awards at various international firework contests.

Senna Fernandes, who earlier this week had her position as

MGTO director extended until the end of 2027, said she expected the competitors to present "dazzling and high-level displays".

Senna Fernandes pointed out that the total budget is about 18.06 million patacas, a decrease of about 1.15 percent from last year. She said that Macau's six integrated resort operators will pay 18 million patacas of the budget, while the government's expenditure on the event is about 60,000 patacas only.

The statement also said that MGTO and the General Union of Neighbourhood Associations of Macau (generally known as Kai Fong, its short name in Cantonese) will again hold its popular "Fireworks Carnival" next to the Macau Science Centre waterfront from 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on each firework display day. "The carnival will be a fascinating blend of culinary delights, performances and games, adding vibrant vibes to the five firework nights," the statement promised.

Two companies will compete one at a time on each of the five nights.

In addition to continuing to hold its Photo Contest and Student Drawing Contest this year, MGTO will also host the first AI Generative

Art Contest, allowing AI enthusiasts to use AI generation tools to create works depicting the beauty of fireworks, thereby promoting the development of science and technology through the arts in Macau.

For eventgoers who wish to have a good view of the contest, according to the statement, MGTO suggested that they gather at Rua da Torre de Macau, Sai Van Lake Square, Rua do Lago Sai Van, Avenida Panorâmica do Lago Sai Van, Rua do Dr. Lourenço Pereira Marques, Avenida do Oceano in Taipa and Avenida dos Jardins do Oceano near the Ocean Gardens residential estate in Taipa.

The statement noted that firework fans may browse relevant information on the MGTO website and participate in interactive games to win prizes. <https://fireworks.macaotourism.gov.mo>. The number-one prize is a Macau-Chinese mainland air ticket.

Meanwhile, Senna Fernandes told reporters on the sidelines of the press conference that the "ZAPE Taste Jam" market recorded a total of 36,000 visitors in its first four days, with a turnover of around 200,000 patacas. The 10-day market ends on Sunday. ■

Explore the birth of cinema at Frames of History exhibition

Rui Pastorin

People with an interest in cinema can gain an insight into its history and its beginnings at a dedicated exhibition held at the Cinematheque•Passion on Travessa da Paixão (戀愛巷).

The exhibition, titled "Frames of History: The Birth of Cinema", is on until September 27 and can be found in the cinematheque's free admission Exhibition Space.

Exhibitiongoers will be able to learn about how films were recorded, the filmmaking process,

and different photograph and motion picture carriers, altogether exploring at how things were filmed, stored and shared.

Among the exhibits are videos, silent films, film reels and stocks and informative texts. Among the exhibits are also images and explanatory texts from 19th-century film pioneers such as English photographer Eadweard Muybridge (1830-1904), and the Lumière brothers Auguste Marie Louis Nicolas Lumière (1862-1954) and Louis Jean Lumière (1864-1948).

The exhibition offers "insights into the beginnings of cinematography, the principles behind film projection, and cinema-going culture", according to a recent statement provided by the cinematheque, and provides a way for a younger generation to learn more about the dawn of cinema.

The Exhibition Space is open from Tuesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. during the period, being closed on Mondays and public holidays. ■



Photos taken yesterday at Cinematheque•Passion on Travessa da Paixão (戀愛巷) by Rui Pastorin.



This undated handout photo provided by integrated resort operator Wynn earlier this week shows its mooncake gift sets designed in collaboration with young local artist Aki Cheong.

Wynn, young local artist present mooncake gift set inspired by Chinese, Portuguese porcelain

Rui Pastorin

Integrated resort operator Wynn is this year presenting a mooncake gift set for the Mid-Autumn Festival showcasing the art of Chinese and Portuguese porcelain designed in collaboration with young local ceramic artist Aki Cheong.

According to a Tuesday statement, the collaboration also complements the first “Wynn Culture” flagship project “Hello China, Hello Macao – The Odyssey of Jingdezhen Porcelain: A Heritage Voyage from Macao to the World”, a Special Exhibition in this year’s Art Macao.

Regarding the design, the statement said that the Chinese Mid-Autumn lantern-shaped mooncake gift bag blends Chinese blue-and-white porcelain and Portuguese Azulejo ceramic tiles.

Azulejo (which in Arabic means “polished stone”) refers to a form of Portuguese and Spanish painted, tin-glazed, ceramic tilework. They are not merely functional tiles but a quintessential art form that has become a defining feature of the architecture and cultural heritage of the Iberian Peninsula, particularly in Portugal.

The front of the bag features Chinese doucai “lotus scrolls” painted in “imperial colours”, while the back depicts “the beauty of Chinese blue-and-white porcelain”, according to the statement.

The term doucai (斗彩) refers to a highly esteemed and complex technique in Chinese porcelain decoration, particularly from the Ming and Qing dynasties.

The statement noted that the sides are auspicious motifs like “ruyi” patterns and plantain leaves, symbolising success and prosperity in one’s career.

The mooncake gift box design and the Jingdezhen-made porcelain vase-shaped bag charm are inspired by the Buccleuch Vases from the Wynn Art Collection. Wynn acquired the vases in 2011, the statement said.

The statement added that the integrated resort operator has again partnered with October Fifth Bakery, with two gift sets available: the “Wynn Tea Classic Mooncakes” gift set at 468 patacas containing six Osmanthus Oolong mooncakes or the “Wynn Signature Mooncakes” gift set priced at 498 patacas and featuring six Osmanthus Oolong tea, Lava Pineapple, and Lava Mandarin Peel flavours.

Four Seasons Macao unveils Mid-Autumn Festival and wellness offerings

Rui Pastorin

Four Seasons Hotel Macao has unveiled in a statement this week its collection of handcrafted mooncakes from the Michelin starred Zi Yat Heen for the Mid-Autumn Festival, along with the launch of the “Secrets of Rebirth” treatment developed in collaboration with INDIBA.

Mid-Autumn Festival falls on October 6 this year.

According to the statement, the mooncakes are prepared with premium ingredients, reflecting “the culinary artistry and precision that define Zi Yat Heen” and are presented in the signature “Golden Mooncake Box” accompanied with a lantern keepsake.

The mooncake selection features the four-piece “White Lotus Seed Paste with Double Egg Yolks” at 668 patacas per box and the six-piece “Signature Mini Egg Custard Mooncakes”.

Meanwhile, the statement said also noted the launch of the treatment “Secrets of Rebirth”, which “harnesses INDIBA’s* proprietary radiofrequency technology, clinically proven to stimulate cellular repair and regeneration at a profound level”.

The statement noted that the treatment marks “the first time a hotel in Hong Kong and Macao has introduced this medical-grade radiofrequency therapy to promote cellular rejuvenation, lifting, sculpting, and deep recovery for both face and body”.

The statement cited treatment benefits including facial rejuvenation, body contouring & sculpting, postpartum restoration and sports recovery.

*INDIBA, based in Barcelona in Spain and Treviso in Italy, is “a global medtech leader across the Aesthetics, Rehabilitation, and Animal Health industries, with a 40-year legacy of scientific research, strengthened further by the recent addition of K-Laser”. – source: INDIBA website.



This photo downloaded from the Four Seasons Hotel Macao Facebook page last night shows its Golden Mooncake Box.

GEG organises study tours for ‘Youth Science & Technology Village’ Programme

Rui Pastorin

Integrated resort (IR) operator Galaxy Entertainment Group (GEG) has recently organised two study tours for students from the “Youth Science and Technology Village” programme, which it has been co-organising with the Education and Youth Development Bureau (DSEDJ) and Macau Science Centre since 2023.

The two tours were organised as part of the programme’s 2025/2026 academic year curriculum for around 60 new students, being designed to help participants gain “a deeper understanding of technological applications in tourism and leisure while broadening their horizons in technological innovations”.

The places toured included Galaxy’s Lai Chi Vun Shipyards revitalisation project, featuring exhibits that “integrate technology and showcase the history of Macau’s shipbuilding industry”.

The integrated resort operator added that it also invited the revitalisation project’s multimedia consultant Dirco Fong, who

discussed the technological innovations and practical applications featured in the area, with the topics sparking “the students’ interest in technological innovation”, the statement said.

The students also visited the Diamond Lobby at Galaxy Macao in Cotai to watch its Diamond Show, with the statement adding that that this enabled them to witness the large-scale installation to help them “gain valuable insights into the behind-the-scene technological applications”.

The statement said that they also went on to visit “In the Mind of Bruno Moinard”, a special exhibition at Art Macao 2025, aiming to help “expand artistic horizons while reinforcing cross-disciplinary creative thinking alongside technological knowledge”.

The statement said that the programme has evolved in diverse content and has this year expanded its enrolment and “placed particular emphasis on enhancing AI-related training to strengthen students’ digital literacy and practical skills”.



This undated handout photo provided by Galaxy Entertainment Group (GEG) earlier this week shows students visiting the “In the Mind of Bruno Moinard” exhibition at Galaxy Macao’s GalaxyArt gallery in Cotai.

SJM to present Harlem Yu gig at GLP on Oct 4

Khalel Vallo

SJM Resorts, S.A. (SJM) will host the “SJM Harlem Yu Music Show” on October 4 at the Grand Hall of Grand Lisboa Palace (GLP) Resort Macau in Cotai, featuring celebrated Mandopop veteran Harlem Yu (庾澄慶), according to a Tuesday statement by SJM.

Mandopop is short for “Mandarin Popular Music”.

Yu, 64, is a Taipei-born singer-songwriter, television host, and businessman.

Known for his versatile musical style and distinctive “Yu-style” vocals, Yu will deliver an evening of high-energy rock numbers alongside soulful blues, the statement promised. With a career-spanning decades, according to the statement, Yu will take fans on a nostalgic yet fresh journey through his greatest hits, recreating iconic moments that promise both passion and an unforgettable experience.

To complement the performance, the statement highlighted that SJM has introduced an exclusive hotel package priced from 5,388 patacas, the statement said, adding that the offer includes two premium concert tickets, a one-night stay



This poster released by SJM Resorts, S.A. (SJM) on Tuesday promotes the “SJM Harlem Yu Music Show” which will be held at Grand Lisboa Palace (GLP) in Cotai on October 4.

at GLP, and breakfast for two, available for reservation on a first-come, first-served basis until September 27.

Ticket holders will also receive a 15 percent dining discount at designated restaurants within the resort on the concert day, the statement noted.

The 1-hour, 15-minute show is slated to begin at 8 p.m. on October 4.

More details can be found on <https://www.sjmresorts.com/en/happenings/sjm-harlem-yu-music-show>

Canada should look to itself for its canola woes

China Daily Editorial

The Ministry of Commerce announced preliminary anti-dumping duties on Canadian canola imports on Tuesday last week, with the provisional rate set at 75.8 percent, which became effective two days later.

Although some claimed this move serves to escalate the year-long trade dispute between the two countries, which began with Ottawa's arbitrary imposition of a 100 percent tariff on imports of Chinese-made electric vehicles last August, China has enough reasons to do so according to the law, and the findings of an antidumping probe launched in September last year.

China also filed a lawsuit against Canada for its restrictive import measures on steel and other products at the World Trade Organization on Friday last week, which was triggered by the Canadian side's ill-advised trade policies. Canada has disregarded WTO rules by implementing steel tariff-rate quotas and imposing discriminatory tariffs on products containing so-called "Chinese steel content", in spite of the Chinese side's strong dissatisfaction and resolute opposition.

Canada's restrictive trade measures on Chinese-made EVs and products containing "Chinese steel content" constitute a typical example of unilateralism and trade protectionism. Such measures harm China's legitimate rights and interests, hurt the otherwise stable Sino-Canadian trade relations, and disrupt the stability of the global industry and supply chains. That leaves China no choice but to take legitimate and justified means to safeguard its core interests.

Canada exported almost C\$5 billion (US\$3.64 billion) of its oilseed crop to China in 2024. But the new duty rate set by China effectively closes the Chinese market to Canadian exports of the agriproduct, as Canola Council of Canada President Chris Davison said. Aware of the impacts on Canadian farmers, the Canadian government issued a statement immediately after China announced its preliminary antidumping duties on Canadian canola, declaring that the country "is committed to ensuring fair market access for our canola industry and we remain ready to engage in constructive dialogue with Chinese officials to address our respective trade concerns".

It is good to hear the Canadian government say that it remains open to dialogue to try and settle the trade disputes. But it should reflect on the root causes of the strained economic ties between the two countries rather than feel "deeply disappointed" with China's decision. It certainly knows clearly what to do on its part to straighten out the trade ties with the world's second-largest economy.

Some may be waiting for China to back down first, as the world's largest importer of canola has been sourcing nearly all its supplies of the product from Canada and now it will have to secure new supply sources in a short time to satisfy its huge domestic demand.

But although China faces uncertainties and risks in its trade relations with some economies, such as Canada, its super-large market, stable demand and good credit record in international trade make it popular among most major exporters of staple commodities such as iron ore, oil and gas, soybean and canola.

Those betting on China putting all its eggs in one basket should realize that China has enough space and has fully prepared to diversify its supply chains of strategic staple commodities. Reportedly, it is seeking to reopen canola trade with Australia after a five-year pause in a bid to secure supplies of the rapeseed crop. Such a diversification strategy is becoming increasingly common among major economies as the adoption of protectionism and unilateralism by some economies is disrupting the global industry and supply chains.

China's diversification strategy is conducive to not only safeguarding its trade security in strategic items but also strengthening its bargaining position in trade negotiations with related countries. Meanwhile, the ability to switch suppliers, based on price and availability, helps China manage costs and maintain economic efficiency.

As for Canada, the position it now finds itself in with regard to its canola exports can be attributed to the lack of autonomy in its policy. Its blind toeing of the United States' coercive policy has resulted in it unwarrantedly targeting China. Beijing has sent clear signals to the Mark Carney government since it took office in May that the two countries should work together to put Sino-Canadian ties back on the right track. But the Carney government seems hesitant to act on its claimed willingness to do so.

Separately, China has also launched an antidumping investigation into Canadian pea starch and imposed provisional duties on imports of halogenated butyl rubber, according to Commerce Ministry statements. Those are acute reminders that Canada should take immediate actions to correct its erroneous practices, uphold the rules-based multilateral trading system, and promote the continued improvement of China-Canada economic ties.

As China navigates the changing trade dynamics, it will continue to uphold multilateralism and free trade rules.

— Courtesy of China Daily

Pawnshop employee embezzles HK\$1.23 million for gambling: police

Tony Wong

A senior pawnshop employee was arrested on Wednesday for stealing cash from a safe on seven occasions while on duty, since last week, totalling HK\$1.23 million, with most of the money gambled away, Judiciary Police (PJ) spokesman Leng Kam Lon said during a regular press conference yesterday.

Leng identified the suspect as a local man in his fifties surnamed Wong, who had worked at the pawnshop, located in Nape, for "many" years.

According to Leng, Wong's embezzlement was discovered by another staff member, whose gender was not revealed, on Wednesday afternoon in a shift change when the staff member conducted an inventory check of the cash stored in the safe. Until the shift change, Wong had been responsible for safeguarding the cash contained in the safe.

After the inventory check, Leng said, the staff member found that some of the cash had gone missing, afterwards trying to contact Wong but to no avail.

Suspecting that Wong had embezzled the money, the staff member reported the case to the Judiciary Police at around 3 p.m.

According to Leng, PJ officers went to Wong's home but did not find him, after which they managed to locate him and intercepted him in a casino in Nape at around 4 p.m. on the same day when he was gambling there.

Under questioning by the police, Leng said, Wong admitted embezzling money from the pawnshop. He told the police that between Wednesday last week and Wednesday this week, Wong by taking advantage of moments when no one was around in the pawnshop, stole money from the safe on seven occasions, with the amounts ranging from HK\$100,000 to HK\$300,000 each time.

Each time after stealing money from the safe, Leng said, Wong went to casinos after work and gambled with the stolen money.

According to Leng, the pawnshop confirmed that HK\$1.23 million was stolen from the safe.



Judiciary Police (PJ) spokesman Leng Kam Lon looks on during yesterday's regular press conference. — Photo: Tony Wong

The police seized gaming chips worth HK\$171,100 from Wong, confirming that all of them were bought with the money he had embezzled from the pawnshop, Leng said.

Wong has been transferred to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP) for further questioning and investigation, facing a charge of embezzlement involving an amount of over 150,000 patacas. ■

IAM & HK Ocean Park ink deal strengthening cooperation on conservation of giant pandas

Tony Wong

Top representatives of Ocean Park Hong Kong visited the Macau Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM) yesterday where both sides signed a memorandum of intent for conservation cooperation, which aims to strengthen cooperation in the conservation of giant pandas and other wild animals between the two cities, according to an IAM statement.

The statement said that the memorandum of intent for conservation cooperation will enable both sides to jointly enhance the quality of care of their giant pandas, promote the conservation of wild animals, and strengthen public awareness about nature conservation.

In addition, through exchanges and training of their personnel, their



Macau Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM) President Chao Wai leng (right, sitting) and Ocean Park Corporation Chief Executive Ivan Wong Chi-fai (centre, sitting) sign a memorandum of intent for conservation cooperation at the bureau's headquarters yesterday. — Photo: IAM

medical knowledge of wild animals and their care experience will be shared to establish a platform for technical cooperation. Both parties

will promote ecological education and raise the community's attention to the conservation of wild animals with concerted efforts, the statement said. ■

Chinese embassy in DPRK marks 80th anniversary of China's victory against Japanese aggression

PYONGYANG — The Chinese Embassy in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) on Wednesday held a reception to mark the 80th anniversary of victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War.

Among the guests present at the event were Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK, DPRK Culture Minister Sung Jong Gyu and other DPRK officials as well as foreign diplomats.

Addressing the reception, Chinese Ambassador to the DPRK Wang Yajun said that the great victory of the

War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression is for the Chinese people as well as for peace-loving people all over the world.

"We commemorate the great victory to uphold a correct historical view of World War II, achieve the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation, and build a brighter future for the cause of peace and justice for all humanity," Wang said.

Back then, soldiers and civilians from both countries confronted the same enemy and ultimately thwarted the Japanese invasion, he said, adding that "now we commemorate the common great victory to carry forward this precious wartime friendship."

China is willing to work with the DPRK to resolutely implement the important consensus reached by the

top leaders of the two parties and two countries, develop the traditional friendly and cooperative relations between the two countries, advance stable and long-term development of the socialist cause of the two countries so as to benefit the two peoples and promote peace and stability at regional and global levels, Wang said.

It is the unwavering position of the DPRK to pass down and deepen the friendship with China from one generation to the next, Sung said.

The DPRK is willing to work with China, following the lofty will of the top leaders of the two parties and countries, to carry forward blood-forged friendship and tradition of friendly unity between the two countries, and to continuously deepen bilateral relations, he said. — Xinhua

Wang Yi says 21st century should be era of accelerated development, revitalization for Asia, especially S Asia



Foreign Minister Wang Yi (left), also a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, co-chairs the Sixth Round of China-Pakistan Foreign Ministers' Strategic Dialogue with Pakistani Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar in Islamabad, Pakistan, yesterday. — Xinhua

ISLAMABAD — Foreign Minister Wang Yi yesterday said the 21st century should be an era of accelerated development and revitalization for Asia, especially South Asia.

Wang, also a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, made the remarks at a joint press conference with Pakistani Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar after the Sixth Round of China-Pakistan Foreign Ministers' Strategic Dialogue.

He was responding to a question from reporters about China's view on the current situation in South Asia and the role of China-Pakistan cooperation, as Pakistan is the last stop of his recent visit to three South Asian countries.

South Asian countries have a long history, splendid civilization, large population, and huge development potential, Wang said, referring to them as China's close neighbors linked by mountains and rivers, and also an important direction for China to build a community with a shared future in its neighborhood.

Stressing that he felt the immense development potential and resilience of South Asia following this visit to India, Afghanistan and Pakistan, Wang said the 21st century should be an era of accelerated development and revitalization for Asia, especially South Asia.

Although India, Afghanistan and Pakistan have different national conditions, they all recognize that development is the top priority and the broadest consensus among them, as well as among all countries in the region,

Wang said, adding that a peaceful, stable and prosperous South Asia serves the common interests of all parties and meets the aspirations of the people of all countries.

In the face of pressure from unilateral bullying, Wang said the three countries all believe that they should adhere to multilateralism, safeguard their legitimate rights and interests, and strive to promote equal and orderly multipolarization of the world and inclusive economic globalization.

The three countries are willing to strengthen good-neighborly friendship with China, their largest neighbor, deepen exchanges and cooperation, and seek mutual benefit and win-win results, Wang said, noting that China will be a reliable partner and a solid support for South Asian countries.

China pursues the policy of an amicable, secure and prosperous neighborhood, adhering to the concept of amity, sincerity, mutual benefit, and inclusiveness, and a shared future. It is always committed to mutual respect, mutual understanding, mutual trust and mutual success with South Asian countries, Wang said.

China and South Asian countries are natural partners, and there is broad space for cooperation, he said.

Despite ups and downs, China-India relations have a long history and increasingly demonstrate a clear historical logic; the China-Pakistan friendship has withstood the test of time, gaining stronger internal impetus, Wang said.

The relationships between China and Pakistan, China and India, as well as China and other neighboring countries, are not directed against any third party

and are not subject to any third-party influence, he said.

Highlighting that China and Pakistan are ironclad friends and all-weather strategic cooperative partners, Wang said the building of a China-Pakistan community with a shared future is at the forefront of China's building a community with a shared future with neighboring countries, setting an important example.

He said China and Pakistan are leading the implementation of the Global Development Initiative, and the building of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor will not only benefit the people of the two countries but also extend to Afghanistan and other countries.

The two countries also practice the Global Security Initiative (GSI), uphold the concept of common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security, and are committed to developing high-level security cooperation, Wang said, adding that both sides attach importance to the Global Civilization Initiative, transcending differences in civilizations and social systems, and promote greater mutual understanding and friendship between the two peoples.

Wang said that both China and Pakistan are important members of the Global South, stressing that Pakistan has assumed the role of a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) starting this year, and China has gained another partner in upholding fairness and justice in the UNSC.

The two countries will closely coordinate and cooperate to jointly safeguard the legitimate rights and interests of developing countries and the Global South, Wang said. — Xinhua

China opposes Indian individuals' attempt to impede improvement of bilateral ties

BEIJING — China deplores that certain individuals in India have tried to undermine China's sovereignty on the Taiwan question and impede the improvement of China-India relations, foreign ministry spokesperson Mao Ning said yesterday.

"China expresses serious concerns and firm opposition to this," Mao said at a regular press briefing, when answering a query on reports that Indian External Affairs Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar had been misquoted on India's position on the Taiwan question — reports which came from Indian government sources.

China has released readouts on the

talks between the Chinese and Indian foreign ministers, Mao said, adding that for the Chinese side, the Indian side's so-called "clarification" came as a surprise, which is inconsistent with the facts.

Mao stressed that there is but one China in the world, and Taiwan is an inalienable part of China's territory, adding that this is a prevailing consensus among the international community, including India.

"We hope India will earnestly abide by the one-China principle, properly handle sensitive issues and promote the steady development of bilateral relations," Mao said. — Xinhua

Autonomous region's 60th anniversary starts new chapter for beautiful Xizang

China Editorial

Fully demonstrating the effectiveness of the strong leadership of the Communist Party of China and the strengths of China's socialist system, people of all ethnic groups in the Xizang autonomous region have benefited more than ever before from development since the 18th National Congress of the CPC in 2012. The new development philosophy that was adopted and has been enriched ever since enabled Xizang, along with the rest of the country, to win the battle to eradicate extreme poverty and realize a moderately prosperous society in all respects in the new era.

This was the culmination of decades of dedicated efforts to promote the autonomous region's development after its establishment in 1965. Between that year and 2024, the central government invested a total of 2.6 trillion yuan in Xizang. A further 64.3 billion yuan was invested in the region since the 1990s through the paired-up assistance system in which 17 provinces and municipalities, central enterprises, and central financial institutions provide targeted support for counties and districts in the autonomous region that they are respectively assigned to assist. This system has also sent over 14,000 selected civil servants, professionals and talents to work in Xizang for about three years in 11 batches by now.

Yet the region cannot rest on its development achievements. Promoting the high-quality socioeconomic development of Xizang should always be the focus of local authorities, which should apply to the letter the new development philosophy of innovative, coordinated, green and open development that is for everyone.

To that end, the local authorities must thoroughly carry out anti-secession efforts to ensure the consolidation and security of the border so as to ensure a stable environment for development as was urged by the central authorities at a grand gathering held on Thursday in Lhasa, capital of the autonomous region, to mark the 60th anniversary of its founding.

The local authorities must unswervingly consolidate and develop ethnic unity by strengthening the exchanges and integration among all ethnic groups, and the identification of all ethnic groups with the motherland, the Chinese nation, Chinese culture, the Party, and socialism with Chinese characteristics, so as to ensure they fully identify themselves as members of the great Chinese family.

In the process, local authorities should adhere to a people-centered approach and continuously improve people's well-being and promote common prosperity so as to ensure the fruits of high-quality development benefit all ethnic groups in Xizang, and local people have a greater sense of gain, fulfillment and security. To help the region promote ethnic unity and progress on all fronts, the central authorities have pledged to continue to increase their input and strengthen support for Xizang's development in the future.

The remarkable development of the autonomous region over the past 60 years fully demonstrates that only under the leadership of the CPC, adhering to the path of socialism with Chinese characteristics, upholding the system of regional ethnic autonomy, and adhering to the Party's guidelines on the governance of Xizang in the new era, can prosperity and progress be achieved in the autonomous region, and the people of all ethnic groups in Xizang live a happy life.

With China at a critical juncture in building itself into a modern socialist country in all respects, Xizang's modernization drive stands at a new historical starting point.

The region should have the confidence that under the leadership of the Party and with the full support of the nation, it will be able to accomplish the four tasks of ensuring stability, facilitating development, protecting the eco-environment, and strengthening the borders.

In doing so, Xizang will open a new and splendid era of long-term peace and stability and high-quality development for itself.

— Courtesy China Daily

Xi charts course for Xizang as region celebrates 60 years' historic progress

LHASA – The nation's leader Xi Jinping outlined the course for Xizang's development during a two-day visit to the plateau region, where he joined locals in celebrating six decades of progress since the autonomous region was established.

The visit ended yesterday.

It was the first time that a Chinese leader holding concurrent posts of the general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, Chinese president, and chairman of the Central Military Commission, attended Xizang Autonomous Region founding anniversary celebrations.

Xi last visited the plateau region in 2021, when Xizang marked the 70th anniversary of peaceful liberation.

Amid a tight schedule, Xi met with representatives from all ethnic groups and sectors in Xizang, heard reports from the CPC regional committee and the regional government, attended a gala, and took part in a grand gathering at the signature Potala Palace square in Lhasa.

During these engagements, Xi called on Xizang to continue advancing its four major tasks – ensuring stability, facilitating development, protecting eco-environment, and strengthening frontiers.

He urged concerted efforts to build a united, prosperous, culturally advanced, harmonious and beautiful new modern socialist Xizang.

STABILITY

Since assuming the top office, Xi has consistently emphasized safeguarding national unity and fostering ethnic solidarity as the foremost tasks in work related to Xizang.

On Wednesday, after hearing work reports from Xizang's authorities, Xi emphasized the importance of maintaining political and social stability, strengthening ethnic unity, and fostering amity among different religions.

He urged further efforts to advance the building of a community for the Chinese nation in Xizang and to guide Tibetan Buddhism in adapting to socialist society.

The Chinese president called for promoting the standard spoken and written Chinese language, strengthening exchanges among all ethnic groups, and enhancing two-way economic, cultural, and personnel exchanges between Xizang and other parts of the country.

Many of these efforts are taking place at the grassroots level. Pubu Tashi, director of the Barkhor sub-district government in Lhasa,



Yesterday morning, some 20,000 officials and members of various ethnic groups from all walks of life gather at the Potala Palace Square in Lhasa to warmly celebrate the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the Tibet Autonomous Region. The celebration was attended by Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC), president of the country, and chairman of the Central Military Commission.

– Xinhua

said his colleagues have stepped up work to upgrade infrastructure, improve living conditions, and expand bilingual education.

Pubu Tashi said improved community services will help people live and work in peace and contentment, strengthen their sense of community, and contribute to better-maintained social stability and order.

DEVELOPMENT

On the region's development, Xi said Xizang has achieved remarkable progress in the past six decades, leading to profound changes.

Official figures show that in 2024, Xizang's GDP reached 276.5 billion yuan, 155 times that of 1965 when the autonomous region was established, and registering an average annual growth rate of 8.9 percent.

In 2024, the per capita disposable income of local urban residents reached 55,444 yuan, 121 times that of 1965, while rural residents' per capita disposable income rose by nearly 200 times.

Xi highlighted high-quality development for Xizang and the need to develop competitive plateau industries based on local conditions.

Nestled in the southwest border of China and facing several South Asian nations, Xizang boasts unique advantages in industries such as agriculture and animal husbandry, as well as the clean energy sector.

Xi told local authorities that Xizang should advance major projects such as the hydropower project in the lower reaches of



the Yarlung Zangbo River and the Sichuan-Xizang Railway project in a "vigorous, orderly and effective manner."

Eyeing Xizang's fragile ecology, Xi called on the region to promote ecological conservation, and to make coordinated efforts to cut carbon emissions, reduce pollution, expand green development and pursue economic growth, so as to protect "the roof of the world" and "the water tower of Asia."

PEOPLE'S WELL-BEING

Xi underscored the need for coordinating urbanization and rural revitalization, consolidating the gains of poverty eradication, and achieving progress in employment, education, health care, social security, elderly care, childcare and other livelihood issues.

The aim, as he put it, is to further enhance the sense of gain, happiness, and security of people of all ethnic groups in the region.

In the past decades, education, healthcare, and social security have continued to improve. Xizang now offers 15 years of free education from kindergarten to senior high school.

The average life expectancy has more than doubled to 72.5 years.

Champa Gyatso, a Tibetan Buddhist monk, said infrastructure and public services have greatly improved at Sakya Monastery, where he resides, as well as in other monasteries.

"Our access to elderly care, medical services, and housing has been truly ensured," he said.

Xi stressed the importance of upholding the Party's leadership over work related to Xizang.

Speaking at yesterday's grand gathering, the country's top political advisor Wang Huning said Xizang's progress over the past six decades fully demonstrated the strong leadership of the CPC and the clear political strength of China's socialist system.

Over the past six decades, Xizang has received strong support and selfless assistance from the central authorities and other parts of the country. Between 1965 and 2024, the central government allocated a total of 2.6 trillion yuan in fiscal funding to the region.

The system of paired-up assistance for Xizang has been steadily improved, with 64.3 billion yuan in aid funds invested, and 11 groups totaling more than 14,000 officials and professionals dispatched to work in the region, according to Wang, who is a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference.

The remarkable achievements made in Xizang over the past 60 years fully demonstrate that only under the CPC leadership can the region embrace a bright future, Wang said.

During the visit, Xi was also accompanied by Cai Qi, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and director of the General Office of the CPC Central Committee.

– Xinhua



A parade float takes part in a grand gathering to celebrate Xizang Autonomous Region's 60th founding anniversary in Lhasa, Xizang Autonomous Region, yesterday. Around 20,000 local officials and people from all ethnic groups and all walks of life joined in the celebration.

– Xinhua



Revelers take part in a mass parade during a grand gathering to celebrate Xizang Autonomous Region's 60th founding anniversary in Lhasa, Xizang Autonomous Region, yesterday.

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